

CLAIMS

- 1 1. A method comprising:
 - 2 generating a control signal from a composite data enable signal; and
 - 3 separating a composite data signal into a video data signal and an auxiliary data signal
 - 4 using the control signal.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - 2 indicating a capability to process the composite data signal.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - 2 receiving an encoded data signal; and
 - 3 decoding the encoded data signal into the composite data enable signal and the composite
 - 4 data signal.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - 2 determining whether the auxiliary data signal contains an error.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the auxiliary data signal contains an error, further
 - 2 comprising:
 - 3 correcting the error in the auxiliary data signal.
- 1 6. An apparatus comprising:
 - 2 a control device to generate a control signal from a composite data enable signal; and
 - 3 a demultiplexor to separate a composite data signal into a video data signal and an
 - 4 auxiliary data signal using the control signal.
- 1 7. The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising:

2 an indicator to indicate a capability to process the composite data signal.

1 8. The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising:

2 a decoder to receive an encoded data signal, and to decode the received data signal into
3 the composite data enable signal and the composite data signal.

1 9. The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising:

2 an error detector to determine whether the auxiliary data signal contains an error.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising:

2 an error corrector to correct an error in the auxiliary data signal.

1 11. An apparatus comprising:

2 means for generating a control signal from a composite data enable signal; and
3 means for separating a composite data signal into a video data signal and an auxiliary
4 data signal using the control signal.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising:

2 means for indicating a capability to process the composite data signal.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising:

2 means for receiving an encoded data signal; and

3 means for decoding the received data signal into the composite data enable signal and the
4 composite data signal.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising:

2 means for determining whether the auxiliary data signal contains an error.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising:
2 means for correcting an error in the auxiliary data signal.

1 16. A method comprising:
2 generating a control signal from a video data enable signal and an auxiliary data enable
3 signal; and
4 combining an auxiliary data signal and a video data signal into a composite data signal
5 using the control signal.

1 17. The method of claim 16 further comprising:
2 receiving an indication signal to indicate a capability to process the auxiliary data signal;
3 and
4 generating an auxiliary data permitted signal to permit the auxiliary data signal to be
5 combined with the video data signal in response to the indication signal.

1 18. The method of claim 16 further comprising:
2 generating a composite data enable signal from the video data enable signal and the
3 auxiliary data enable signal;
4 encoding the composite data signal and the composite data enable signal into an encoded
5 data signal; and
6 transmitting the encoded data signal.

1 19. The method of claim 16 further comprising:
2 adding error detection data to the auxiliary data signal.

1 20. The method of claim 19 further comprising:

2 adding error correction data to the auxiliary data signal.

1 21. A transmitter for transmitting video data and auxiliary data comprising:

2 a transmitter control logic device having an input to receive an auxiliary data enable
3 signal and an input to receive a video data enable signal, the transmitter control logic device to
4 generate a control signal using the auxiliary data enable signal and the video data enable signal,
5 and to combine the auxiliary data enable signal and the video data enable signal into a composite
6 data enable signal; and

7 a multiplexer having an input to receive an auxiliary data signal, an input to receive a
8 video data signal, and an input to receive the control signal from the transmitter control logic
9 device, the multiplexer to combine the auxiliary data signal and the video data signal into a
10 composite data signal in response to the control signal.

1 22. The transmitter of claim 21 further comprising:

2 an encoder having an input to receive the composite data enable signal and an input to
3 receive the composite data signal, the encoder to encode the composite data enable signal and the
4 composite data signal into an encoded data signal and to transmit the encoded data signal.

1 23. The transmitter of claim 21 further comprising:

2 an auxiliary data control logic device having an input to receive a display property signal
3 indicating that auxiliary data can be processed, the auxiliary data control logic device to generate
4 an auxiliary control signal in response to the display property signal, the auxiliary control signal
5 to control the reception of the auxiliary data enable signal by the transmitter control logic device
6 or to control the reception of the auxiliary data signal by the multiplexer.

1 24. The transmitter of claim 21 further comprising:

2 a packet formatting logic device having an input to receive the auxiliary data signal, the
3 packet formatting logic device to format the auxiliary data signal to include error detection and
4 correction and to output the auxiliary data signal including the error detection and correction data
5 to the multiplexer.

1 25. A receiver for receiving video data and auxiliary data comprising:
2 a receiver control logic device having an input to receive a composite data enable signal,
3 the receiver control logic device to separate the composite data enable signal into an auxiliary
4 data enable signal and a video data enable signal, and to generate a control signal using the
5 composite data enable signal; and

6 a demultiplexer having an input to receive a composite data signal and an input to receive
7 the control signal from the receiver control logic device, the demultiplexer to separate the
8 composite data signal into an auxiliary data signal and a video data signal based on the control
9 signal.

1 26. The receiver of claim 25 further comprising:
2 a decoder having an input to receive an encoded data signal, the decoder to decode the
3 encoded data signal into a composite data signal and a composite data enable signal.

1 27. The receiver of claim 25 further comprising:
2 a display property device to output a display property signal to indicate that the receiver
3 can process auxiliary data.

1 28. The receiver of claim 25 further comprising:

2 an error detection and correction logic device having an input to receive the auxiliary data
3 signal from the demultiplexer, to determine whether the auxiliary data signal contains an
4 error, and if the auxiliary data signal contains an error, to correct the error.

1 29. A method comprising:
2 receiving a composite data enable signal having a first data enable pulse and a second
3 data enable pulse;
4 determining a first duration corresponding to the first data enable pulse;
5 determining a second duration corresponding to the second data enable pulse; and
6 identifying a video data enable signal and an auxiliary data enable signal based on the
7 first and second durations.

1 30. The method of claim 29 wherein identifying further comprises determining which
2 duration is longer.

1 31. The method of claim 30 wherein the video data enable signal is identified by the longer
2 duration.

1 32. The method of claim 29 further comprising:
2 receiving a composite data signal; and
3 separating the composite data signal into a video data signal and an auxiliary data signal
4 based on the video data enable signal and the auxiliary data enable signal.

1 33. A method comprising:
2 receiving a composite data enable signal having a pulse;
3 determining a duration of the pulse;

4 identifying a video data enable signal in the pulse based on the duration; and
5 identifying an auxiliary data enable signal in the pulse based on the duration.

1 34. The method of claim 33 further comprising:
2 receiving a composite data signal;
3 identifying a video data signal in the composite data signal using the video data enable
4 signal; and
5 identifying an auxiliary data signal in the composite data signal using the auxiliary data
6 enable signal.

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